

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) A self-centering mobile, comprising:

- a frame;
 - a plurality of freely rotatable connectors;
 - a horizontally disposed arm having two ends and a balance point between the two ends, the arm suspended from the frame at the balance point with one of the freely rotatable connectors; and
 - a display member suspended from each end of the arm with another one of the freely rotatable connectors and having a weight so that the arm is balanced when suspended from the frame at the arm balance point,
- wherein the arm comprises a continuous, round rod of substantially rigid material, the rod of material comprising a coating that includes zinc.

6-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A self-centering mobile, comprising:

- a frame;
- a plurality of freely rotatable connectors;
- a horizontally disposed arm having two ends and a balance point between the two ends, the arm suspended from the frame at the balance point with one of the freely rotatable connectors; and

a display member suspended from each end of the arm with another one of the freely rotatable connectors and having a weight so that the arm is balanced when suspended from the frame at the arm balance point,

wherein the freely rotatable connectors comprise a spinner assembly adapted to rotate freely for 360 degrees in both clockwise and counter-clockwise directions and a means for attaching the spinner assembly to the frame and to the arm,

wherein the means for attaching the spinner assembly to the frame and to the arm comprises a spring clip formed from a round rod of spring steel, the rod formed into a substantially closed “S” shape, each end of the rod bent outwardly from the spring clip to form a receiving channel for receiving the frame and the arm, and

wherein the rod of spring steel comprises a coating that includes zinc.

10. (Previously presented) A self-centering mobile, comprising:

a frame;

a plurality of freely rotatable connectors;

a horizontally disposed arm having two ends and a balance point between the two ends, the arm suspended from the frame at the balance point with one of the freely rotatable connectors; and

a display member suspended from each end of the arm with another one of the freely rotatable connectors and having a weight so that the arm is balanced when suspended from the frame at the arm balance point,

wherein the freely rotatable connectors comprise a spinner assembly adapted to rotate freely for 360 degrees in both clockwise and counter-clockwise directions and a means for attaching the spinner assembly to the frame and to the arm, and

wherein the means for attaching the spinner assembly to the frame and to the arm comprises a dual lock snap fastener comprising a round rod of spring steel formed into an elongated oval-shaped body, the rod terminating with a first end and an overlapping second end on a first side of the body,

wherein the second end is bent approximately perpendicularly to a longitudinal axis of the fastener across the fastener body and releasably around a second side of the body opposite the first side to form a first lock biased by the spring steel, and

wherein the first end is bent approximately perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of the fastener away from the fastener body and releasably around the first side to form a second lock biased by the spring steel.

11-21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) A self-centering mobile, comprising:

a frame;

a plurality of freely rotatable connectors;

a horizontally disposed arm comprising a round rod of zinc-coated spring steel and having two ends and a balance point between the two ends, the arm suspended from the frame at the balance point with one of the freely rotatable connectors; and

a display member suspended from each end of the arm with another one of the freely rotatable connectors and having a weight so that the arm is balanced when suspended from the frame at the arm balance point,

wherein the arm comprises a substantially closed loop at the balance point and at each end of the arm,

wherein the freely rotatable connectors comprise a spinner assembly adapted to rotate freely for 360 degrees in both clockwise and counter-clockwise directions and further comprising a hollow central body having an aperture in each of a top and a bottom of the central body and an eye hook disposed in each of the top and the bottom, each eye hook having a base larger than the apertures rotatably secured inside the central body and a hook portion extending through the aperture, and a spring clip for attaching the spinner assembly to the frame and to the arm formed from a round rod of zinc-coated spring steel, the rod formed into a substantially closed "S" shape, each end of the rod bent outwardly from the spring clip to form a receiving channel for receiving the frame and the arm.

23. (Original) The mobile of claim 22, wherein a plurality of display members is suspended from at least one end of the arm, the balance point located on the arm at a pre-determined point such that a particular combination of display members is balanced.

24. (Original) The mobile of claim 23, wherein at least one other arm is suspended from at least one end of the arm with one of the freely rotatable connectors.

25. (Original) The mobile of claim 22, wherein the display member comprises a display enclosure comprising:

- a single, flat sheet of transparent material folded over onto itself to form opposing panels for receiving a substantially flat item for display therebetween;

- the panels having a top and an aperture near the top and through the panels for connecting the panels to a freely rotatable connector;

- the panels spaced apart approximately one mm to form a bottom for supporting the display item and for facilitating movement of the display item between the panels; and

- at least one panel having a cutout near an edge of the panel for facilitating insertion and removal of the display item between the panels.

26. (Original) The mobile of claim 25, wherein the sheet of transparent material comprises polyethylene terephthalate glycol.

27-30. (Canceled)